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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 5, 2002, amendment to the above-identified patent application is requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the following amended paragraph(s) and/or section(s):

Page 5, Paragraph 4, bridging Page 6, Paragraph 1 (Twice Amended):

**B1** As shown in Figs. 2 to 4, the latch 8 includes an engagement portion 8d that engages with a coil spring 11, or an urging member. In the same manner, the first ratchet 10 includes an engagement portion 10a that engages with the coil spring 11. The coil spring 11 is thus suspended between the engagement portions 8d, 10a. The first ratchet 10 and latch 8 are urged toward each other through the coil spring 11.